

March 22, 2007

Meeting Notes- Land Use Committee

1. Members present: Chuck Roady, Jeff Harris, Kerry Finley, Velvet Phillips-Sullivan, Tom Jentz, Myrt Webb.
2. There were no changes to the agenda.
3. Chuck Roady presented information from a fire suppression study down by the county recently.
  - a. The study included information on what areas in the county were at the highest risk for fire damage.
  - b. Risk was based on many factors to include: types of vegetation, historical record of previous fires, and access. Considerable discussion followed about how this information could be used in future planning.
4. The discussion on a utilities map provided by Turner Askew was tabled until the next meeting.
5. Myrt Webb presented county cost data.
  - a. Charts were provided that showed comparative cost per capita data for Cascade, Flathead and Gallatin counties. Also provided was data on how the county budget has changed during the period 1990-2004.
  - b. Information was provided on electrical hookups from Flathead Electric.
6. The information in Chapter One of the Growth Policy was discussed. This data from the many meetings the planning staff conducted is part of the data that the committee should consider.